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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] Runner **22** extends longitudinally beyond edges **26** and **28**, and runner **24** extends longitudinally beyond edges **26** and **30**. Runner **22** has peg holes **31**, **36** and **40** on its upper surface, and runner **24** has peg holes **34** and **38** on its upper surface. First Guiding strip **42** has guiding edge **43**, and pegs **44** and **46**, which extend perpendicularly to lower surface **56** of first guiding strip **42** and are operative to engage peg holes **34** and **31**, respectively, to form an angle A of ninety degrees between first guiding strip **42** and runners **22** and **24**. Similarly, second guiding strip **48** has guiding edge **49**, and pegs **50** and **52**, which extend perpendicularly to lower surface **58** of second guiding strip **48** to engage peg holes **38** and **36**, respectively, to form an angle B of forty-five degrees between second guiding strip **48** and runners **22** and **24**. So, positioned, second guiding strip **48** extends longitudinally in the same direction as edge **28** of platform **12**.

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Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] For example, referring to FIG. 4, to obtain a sixty degree angle cut on workpiece end **90** of a 2 x 4 workpiece **88** using a hand-held power saw **92**, guiding apparatus **10** is placed over 2 x 4 workpiece **88** such that the ends **102** and **104** of runners **22** and **24** are proximal to workpiece end **90**. In the present disclosure designations such as 2 x 4, 2 x 2 and 2 x 6 are understood as being nominal, and are commonly understood in the industry. In this case, a 2 x 4 has dimensions which are actually 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and a 2 x 6 has dimensions which are actually 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Second Guiding strip **48** is engaged with runners **22** and **24** by inserting peg **50** into peg hole **38** and peg **66** into peg holes **40** and **54**. Guiding apparatus **10** may be aligned with 2 x 4 workpiece **88** by sliding guiding apparatus **10** longitudinally along 2 x 4 workpiece **88**. Once 2 x 4 workpiece **88** is aligned and placed against edge **70** of runner **24**, 2 x 4 workpiece **88** is held in place by peg locks **80** inserted into peg lock holes **74** along line **78**, the multiple peg locks **74** and the straight edges **91** of peg locks **80** operative to prevent lateral movement of 2 x 4 workpiece **88**.